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For: MULTIVALENT PLATFORM MOLECULES
COMPRISING HIGH MOLECULAR WEIGHT
POLYETHYLENE OXIDE

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated May 5, 2004 (Paper No. 20040430), for which a response was due on August 5, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two month(s) extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to October 5, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 43 of this paper.

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